

SDWAN - INSTALLING, CONFIGURING, MONITORING AND TROUBLESHOOTING CISCO CATALYST SD-WAN V20.15.2/17.15.2

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This release begins the Journey of streamlining Configuration Groups and Policy Groups, empowering network administrators with greater control and efficiency. This release is pretty close to feature complete, and the first release that I would tell customers that it is time to look to convert Configuration Templates to Configuration Groups.

Here are some of the Updates:

Configuration Groups: Simplifying Network Management

With the advent of configuration groups, network administrators can now create and manage device configurations more effectively. The feature allows for the grouping of devices based on specific criteria, enabling consistent and centralized configuration deployment. By reducing manual configurations on individual devices, configuration groups ensure uniformity and significantly decrease the potential for errors, leading to a more streamlined and reliable network management process.

Policy Groups: Enhanced Policy Management

The introduction of policy groups in **Cisco SD-WAN 20.15.2** marks a substantial improvement in policy management. This feature allows administrators to define and apply policies to specific groups of devices or regions, facilitating more granular control over network behavior. By aligning policies with organizational requirements and regional compliance standards, policy groups enhance security and performance across the network. This targeted approach ensures that policies are both effective and relevant to the specific needs of different network segments.

The release of **Cisco SD-WAN 20.15.2** underscores the importance of adopting configuration and policy groups to optimize network operations. These features not only simplify the management of complex network environments but also enhance scalability and responsiveness to organizational changes. By leveraging configuration groups, administrators can ensure maintaining a secure and efficient

network infrastructure.

In this 5-day hands-on up-to-date course on Cisco Catalyst (Viptela) SD-WAN 20.15.2 / IOS-XE 17.15.2, students will learn how to administer SD-WAN. Students will learn about Deploying and Configuring SD-WAN Controllers, vEdge Devices, and Cisco IOS-XE Devices. Students will learn how to manage the (SD-WAN Manager (vManager) Interface, along with the change in the interface in 20.6 and above. Students will learn about Device Template, Feature Template, Configuration Groups, and CLI Templates. Students will learn how to tune OMP, BFD, TLOCs, QoS, TCP OPT, DRE, FEC, and Packet Duplication. Students will learn how SD-WAN implements Security using SASE, SIG, Umbrella, FW, IPS, AMP, Threat grid, TLS Decryption, and Direct Internet Access (DIA). Students will learn about Local and Central Policies. Students will also learn how Cisco SD-WAN allows Enterprises to deploy effective Cloud Solutions such as Amazon AWS, Microsoft Azure, Google Cloud, MegaPort, Equinix, and SAAS applications such as O365 and Webex. Students will also learn how to Monitor and Troubleshoot the SDWAN Solution.

Use this course towards your Cisco Continuing (CE) Education Credits (40)

What You'll Learn

- SD-WAN Overview
- SD-WAN Controllers (vSmart)
- Allow Lists and Certificates
- Platforms
- Router Deployment
- Configure SD-WAN Manager (vManager)
- SD-WAN Software Updates
- OMP / Fabric
- QoS / QoE
- Security / SASE
- Creating and Applying SD-WAN Templates
- Local and Central Policy
- Deploying using Templates
- ThousandEyes Integration
- Cloud Onramp for SaaS
- Analytics
- Monitoring & Troubleshooting the SD-WAN Solution

Who Needs to Attend

This course is suitable for Network Engineers, System Administrators, IT Professionals, Technical Support Staff, and Cisco-Certified Professionals looking to enhance their skills and proficiency with Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN network management tailored for networks.

The course is highly recommended for:

- **Network Engineers:** Professionals tasked with the design, implementation, and maintenance of the network infrastructure. This includes managing both

Catalyst SD-WAN and data communication systems, ensuring they meet the high standards required for government operations.

- **System Administrators:** Individuals responsible for the daily management and configuration of the network systems. Their role is crucial in ensuring the reliable operation of Catalyst SD-WAN and WAN services across various departments.
- **IT Professionals:** This group includes a wide range of IT personnel working who require a robust understanding of secure and reliable Catalyst SD-WAN network systems. Their work is critical in ensuring that these networks comply with stringent standards and regulations.
- **Technical Support Staff:** These are the frontline personnel who provide essential technical support for Catalyst SD-WAN network systems within the environments. Their expertise ensures that any issues are promptly resolved to maintain network integrity and security.
- **Cisco Certified Professionals:** Individuals who have already achieved Cisco certifications and are looking to further their knowledge and expertise specifically in Catalyst SD-WAN Networks and Technologies. This course offers them an opportunity to specialize in Catalyst SD-WAN solutions, enhancing their skill set in the context of the network requirements.

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- Configure Certificate Settings

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- Deploy WAN Edges
- Configure the WAN Edge Routers
- Prepare vEdge Routers for ZTP

Lab 3: vManage Configuration

- Explore the Interface

- Add Controllers to the Whitelist
- Add vEdge whitelist
- BFD Tuning
- Create and Update Users
- Manage the Fabric

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- Create DC1 vEdges Device Feature Template
- Attach DC1 Devices to Template
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- Attach BR3 Devices to Template
- Configuration Rollback

Lab 9: Use APIs to Import Feature Templates

Lab 10: Upgrade SDWAN Environment

Lab 11-13: Perform ZTP on SDWAN Environment

Lab 14-17: SDWAN Policies

- List types of policies that can be implemented in the SD-WAN solution
- Describe how policies can be implemented that affect the control plane
- Describe what affect policies can have on data traffic forwarding
- Identify the various components of the vSmart policy architecture
- Describe how different policies are enabled in different devices
- Detail how policies are processed and applied
- Control Policy Lab
 - Configure a Vpn-membership-policy
 - Configure Site-list Selection Policies
 - Configure a Service Chaining Policy
 - Configure an Extranet VPN Policy
 - Configure a Service path affinity Policy
 - Configure Fabric Policies
 - Configure Security Zones
- Data Policy Lab
 - ☒ Configure Shaping Policies
 - ☒ Configure QoS Policies
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- ☒ Configure an OSPF BGP Routing Policy
- Application Aware Routing Policy Lab
- SLA Classes
- Path Selection using Application Policies
- Create a cFlowd Policy
- Create a Local Control Policy
- Configure OSPF and BGP
- Create a Local Data Policy
- Create ACL
- Create Device Access Policy
- Configure QOS
- Configure OSPF Route Policy

Lab 18: Application Visibility

- Create a Centralized Policy for Application-Aware Routing
- Identify Application Groups (FTP/Office 365/Voice)
- Create Lists
- Site Lists
- Application Lists
- Data Prefix Lists
- VPN Lists
- Create a SLA Classes
- Create Traffic Rules
- Apply Policies to Sites and VPNs

Lab 19: Cloud On-RAMP

- Configure Cloud Onramp for SAAS

Lab 20: Monitoring / Troubleshooting

- Explore vManage Dashboard analytics
- Monitor Applications
- Monitor Loss, Latency, and Jitter
- Monitor Individual Device
 - ☒ Check system Status
 - ☒ Check Control Connections
 - ☒ Check OMP Status
 - ☒ Check BFD Status
 - ☒ Check Interfaces for Issues
- Use the CLI to view and troubleshooting debug Logs
- Troubleshoot BFD
- Troubleshoot OMP
- Use troubleshooting tools to diagnose issues
 - ☒ Use the Ping tool
 - ☒ Use the Traceroute tool
 - ☒ Use the App Route Visualization
 - ☒ Simulate traffic flows

☒ Take a Packet

- Troubleshoot Application Routing

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- Create DC2 IOS-XE CSRs Device Feature Template
- Attach DC2 Devices to Template
- Create BR1 vEdges Device CLI Template using TLOC Extensions
- Attach BR1 Devices to Template
- Create BR2 IOS-XE CSRs Device Feature Template using TLOC Extensions
- Attach BR2 Devices to Template
- Create BR3 IOS-XE ISR4K Device Feature Template
- Attach BR3 Devices to Template
- Configuration Rollback

Lab 9: Use APIs to Import Feature Templates

Lab 10: Upgrade SDWAN Environment

Lab 11-13: Perform ZTP on SDWAN Environment

Lab 14-17: SDWAN Policies

- List types of policies that can be implemented in the SD-WAN solution
- Describe how policies can be implemented that affect the control plane
- Describe what affect policies can have on data traffic forwarding
- Identify the various components of the vSmart policy architecture
- Describe how different policies are enabled in different devices
- Detail how policies are processed and applied
- Control Policy Lab
 - Configure a Vpn-membership-policy
 - Configure Site-list Selection Policies
 - Configure a Service Chaining Policy
 - Configure an Extranet VPN Policy
 - Configure a Service path affinity Policy
- Configure Fabric Policies
- Configure Security Zones
- Data Policy Lab
 - ☒ Configure Shaping Policies
 - ☒ Configure QoS Policies
 - ☒ Configure a Service Chaining
 - ☒ Configure an Extranet VPN Policy
 - ☒ Configure Service path affinity Policy

- ☒ Configure a NAT Policies for DIA
- ☒ Configure an OSPF BGP Routing Policy
- Application Aware Routing Policy Lab
- SLA Classes
- Path Selection using Application Policies
- Create a cFlowd Policy
- Create a Local Control Policy
- Configure OSPF and BGP
- Create a Local Data Policy
- Create ACL
- Create Device Access Policy
- Configure QOS
- Configure OSPF Route Policy

Lab 18: Application Visibility

- Create a Centralized Policy for Application-Aware Routing
- Identify Application Groups (FTP/Office 365/Voice)
- Create Lists
- Site Lists
- Application Lists
- Data Prefix Lists
- VPN Lists
- Create a SLA Classes
- Create Traffic Rules
- Apply Policies to Sites and VPNs

Lab 19: Cloud On-RAMP

- Configure Cloud Onramp for SAAS

Lab 20: Monitoring / Troubleshooting

- Explore vManage Dashboard analytics
- Monitor Applications
- Monitor Loss, Latency, and Jitter
- Monitor Individual Device
 - ☒ Check system Status
 - ☒ Check Control Connections
 - ☒ Check OMP Status
 - ☒ Check BFD Status
 - ☒ Check Interfaces for Issues
- Use the CLI to view and troubleshooting debug Logs
- Troubleshoot BFD
- Troubleshoot OMP
- Use troubleshooting tools to diagnose issues
 - ☒ Use the Ping tool
 - ☒ Use the Traceroute tool
 - ☒ Use the App Route Visualization
 - ☒ Simulate traffic flows

- ☒ Take a Packet
- Troubleshoot Application Routing

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